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Rome, Jan. 1. *N. S.*

THE Pope has held several Congregations, to consider of the Affair concerning the *Spanish* Succession, and has writ to the Emperor, and to the Most Christian King and the Crown of *Spain*, to exhort them to a Friendly Agreement, and to offer his Mediation for this purpose, in order to preserve the Tranquillity of Christendom, and that of *Italy* in particular; And on the same occasion has writ Letters to the several Princes and States of *Italy*. Cardinal *Medicis* is on a sudden gone for *Florence*, to avoid, as it's thought, being present at the Entertainments which the Cardinals in the Interests of *France* and *Spain* intend to make here, which might give Jealousie to the Emperor. The Cardinal *de Noailles* is returned to *France*; And the Cardinal *d'Estrees* is on his departure, having received Orders from the Court of *France* to go to *Venice*, and afterwards to the Great Duke of *Tuscany*, to negociate Matters in relation to the present Conjuncture.

Venice, Jan. 8. The Pope's Nuncio had Audience of the Senate the 8th Instant, and delivered a Letter from his Master, exhorting them to take such Measures as may tend to preserve the Peace of *Italy*. The *French* Ambassador has received Advice, of the Count *de Tesse's* arrival at *Milan*, who under the Prince *de Vaudemont* is to command the Auxiliary Troops which the *French* are now sending into the Service of that State; and, if it's necessary, 'tis said a much greater Force will follow under the Command of the Marshal *de Catinat*. The 6th Instant the *Spanish* Ambassador here received an Express from the Prince of *Vaudemont*, Governor of *Milan*, which he sent back the same day. This State continues to make Provision for their Security, and seem resolved to oppose any Troops that may attempt to pass through the *Venetian* Territories in their march to *Milan*. The Senate have chosen Signior *Alessandro Molino* to be Proveditore-General of *Terrafirma*, and Count *Sacco* to command under him, and the latter has already visited all their Frontier Towns. The Garrison of *Verona* is ordered to be reinforced, and great quantities of Provisions and Ammunition are sent to that Place, And Signior *Molino* intends shortly to go thither.

Narva, Dec. 23. The King of *Sweden's* Forces having since their late Victory refreshed themselves in their Quarters hereabouts, 'tis said his Majesty intends to march from hence to morrow, but his farther Designs are as yet kept secret. Major-General *Meydel* is commanded to march with a strong Detachment into the Enemy's Country, as well to get Intelligence, as to gather what Forage he can; and another Body of *Swedish* Forces are drawing together at *Schansternyen*, under the Command of Major-General *Croonhiorst*; Four thousand Horse and Foot passed through *Wyborg* the 21st Instant to join them, and other Troops, are marching thither from *Abo* and *Nyeland*. The Country People hereabouts do daily fish out of the River the Bodies of *Muscovites*, and it appears, that the number of those drowned upon their late Defeat is much greater than was at first reported. The King of *Sweden* has ordered the Duke of *Croy's* Sword to be restored to him, and he will be admitted to his Majesty's Presence. The other General Officers that are Prisoners here, will be sent to *Revel*. A *Russian* Lieutenant arrived here 2 days ago with a Letter from *Fedor Gallowin* General of the *Muscovite* Forces to the General *Dolgaruka*, who is a Prisoner here, enquiring after the state of his Health, but his chief Errand appears to be, to get Intelligence which way the King intends to march with his Army. He came without a Drummer or Trumpeter, and brought no Letter with him to any of the *Swedish* Generals, and therefore is seized here as a Spy; the *Muscovites* having detained an Ensign, which the Governor of this Place sent to *Novogrod* a little before they broke with us, and put him to the Torture, to extort from him a particular Account of the condition of this Place. We have Advice, that the *Muscovites* draw together on the other side of *Novogrod*, but very few of their Forces appear on this side; and that the Roads are covered with the Bodies of *Muscovite* Soldiers, who in their Flight from hence died of the Wounds they received in the Battel, or perished for want of Subsistence.

Stockholm, Jan. 9. The Senate have received from the King of *Sweden*, a particular Relation of his late Great Victory over the *Muscovites*, for which a General Thanksgiving is appointed to be observed in this Kingdom. The Letters from *Narva* give an Account, that the King broke up from thence the 24th of the last Month, and marched towards *Muscovy*; and that besides the 145 Great Guns taken in the *Muscovite* Camp, 40 Pieces of heavy Cannon more have been since taken, which the *Muscovites* were bringing down to their Camp before *Narva*, but upon the News of their Defeat threw them into a Bog, where they were found afterwards by the *Swedes*. Contributions have been already raised by the *Swedes* out of a great District of the Enemy's Country in three several Places.

Warsaw, January 6. Prince *Sapieha* and his Brother are arrived here from *Coningsberg*, and the Senate are shortly to meet to consider of the most effectual Means to put an end to the Troubles of *Lithuania*, which are grown to a very great height, and give this Court a great deal of Uneasiness. An Envoy is arrived here from *Muscovy*, to acquaint the King of *Poland*, that the Czar intends to bring a very powerful Army against the *Swedes* the next Summer, and to desire the King's Assistance, and that he will not be discouraged by the late ill Success at *Narva*.

Vienna, January 12. The States of the *Lower Austria* met here the 10th Instant, and the Court-Chancellor *Bucelini* made a Speech, representing to them how the Peace was not long ago happily restored in the East and West; but that a very unexpected and important Accident has now happened, which may be to the very great Prejudice of the lawful Rights of the Emperor, and endanger the publick Tranquillity, if it be not in time provided against; And as their Readiness to comply with the Emperor's Desires was always an Example to the other Hereditary Countries, so more particularly a quick Dispatch of the Business before them may be expected at this time, when the loss of every moment is of so dangerous a Consequence. The Chancellor then delivered to them the Emperor's Demands in Writing, and his Imperial Majesty made a short Speech to them to the same effect, to which the Marshal of the Diet answered, That the States would on all occasions give the most zealous Proofs of their Duty to the Emperor, and their Readiness to comply with his Desires, and would be as speedy as possible in their Resolutions. The Nuncio has delivered to the Emperor a Letter from the Pope, offering his Mediation for adjusting Matters between him and the Crowns of *France* and *Spain*. The Imperial Forces continue their March towards *Tirol*, and the Train of Artillery will follow very soon. The Recruits for the Imperial Forces are almost compleat, and the Officers have received Money to make farther Levies, for adding two Troops to each Regiment of Horse, and four Companies to each Regiment of Foot.

Hamburgh, January 18. The Sieur *Oxen* came hither the 16th Instant from *Copenhagen*, and brought with him 26000 Dollars, which the